

Item 4: Prohibit Loading of VSC-24s Pending Experimental Verification of Thermal and Other Design Assumptions

Petitioners request the NRC to prohibit loading of VSC-24s until there is experimental verification of temperature calculations and heat transfer assessments and other design assumptions. The thermal and other engineering and design analyses for the VSC-24 contained conservative key assumptions which are discussed in the SAR and SER. In addition, the acceptance criteria for these analyses have margins of safety that the staff considers to be sufficient. In light of the conservatisms and safety margins in the thermal and other analyses, the staff does not see the need for requiring experimental verification of the thermal and other design assumptions used in evaluating the VSC-24.

Item 5: Prohibit Loading of VSC-24s Pending Assessment of Material Coatings

Petitioners request the NRC to prohibit loading of VSC-24s until the safety of the material coatings on components and structures has been justified. As discussed above, material interactions within the VSC-24 and their effect on cask operations and performance were evaluated by the licensees in response to Bulletin 96-04 and reviewed by the staff. Specifically, the licensees evaluated, and the staff reviewed, the use of the zinc-based coating, its reaction with borated water and other cask environments, and the effect of the reaction or reaction products on cask operations and on the performance of the various cask components and structures. The staff concluded that use of existing VSC-24s with the zinc-based coating is acceptable in light of the operating controls and limits for preventing hazardous conditions that must be properly implemented by licensees during cask loading and unloading. Based on the information provided, the staff also concluded that neither the coating itself, nor its reaction with borated water or other cask environments, would have an adverse effect on the performance of the cask components or structures during the period of spent fuel storage.

IV. Conclusion

The Petitioners requested that the NRC prohibit loading of VSC-24s until the COC, SAR, and SER are amended to contain operating controls and limits to prevent hazardous conditions. After reviewing each of the Petitioners' claims, I conclude that, for the reasons

discussed above, no adequate basis exists for granting the Petitioners' request to prohibit licensees' use of the VSC-24 for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel at Palisades, Point Beach, or ANO pending: (1) Revision of the SAR, SER, and COC for the VSC-24 to contain operating controls and limits to prevent hazardous conditions; (2) an independent third-party review to examine the safety issues raised by the Petitioners; and (3) experimental verification of temperature calculations and heat transfer assessments and other design assumptions. Furthermore, I conclude that the Petitioners' other two requests, an assessment of potential impacts of VSC-24 material aspects and a safety justification of material coatings on components and structures, have already been fulfilled through the staff's review of the licensees' responses to Bulletin 96-04.

A copy of this decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c).

As provided by this regulation, this decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after issuance, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Malcolm R. Knapp,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

NAME OF AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 10, 1997.

PLACE: Conference Room, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: To discuss and vote on the Postal Rate Commission Budget for FY 1998 and election of a Vice Chairman.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 1-9933]

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Amerac Energy Corporation, Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value)

June 18, 1997.

Amerac Energy Corporation ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d2-2(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified security ("Security") from listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Security from listing and registration include the following:

According to the Company, the Security is also listed on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex") effective March 18, 1997 and an application on Form 8-A for registration of the Security on the Amex was declared effective by the Commission on March 5, 1997. The Company cannot justify the expense of being listed on two exchanges and thereby, wishes to withdraw from the BSE.

Any interested person may, on or before July 10, 1997, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the exchanges and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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